

REMARKS

Claim 16 is the only remaining claim presented in this divisional application. This claim has been canceled, without prejudice, in the parent application by amendment in an Office Action response filed contemporaneously in the parent application. Applicants note that Claim 16 has been previously rejected by the Examiner in the parent application under the doctrine of obviousness type double patenting, in view of prior patent 6,402,941.

To address this rejection, and without comment as to its propriety, Applicants submit herewith a proposed unexecuted terminal disclaimer attached to this preliminary amendment. Applicant seeks the Examiner's review and comment with respect to the form of the disclaimer. Should the Examiner find the disclaimer acceptable and sufficient to obviate the rejection of the remaining claim, or if he would otherwise like to discuss the proposed disclaimer, he is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number provided.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, favorable action on the merits including entry and approval of all amendments is respectfully solicited.

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